REMARKS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 18-29 are in this application.

Claims 18, 23, 26, and 27 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,393,114. Claims 19, 22, and 24 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,393,114 in view of Fukuda (U.S. Patent No. 5,949,956). Claims 20, 21, 25, 28, and 29 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,393,114 in view of Chung (U.S. Patent No. 5,686,982).

A terminal disclaimer directed to U.S. Patent No. 6,393,114 accompanies this amendment. Accordingly, withdrawal of the above double patenting rejections to claims 18-29 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

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